

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 106

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Abigail Hopper Brown  
of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Abigail Hopper Brown; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Hopper Brown was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born July 27, 1945, in Oliver Springs, Tennessee, Abigail Hopper Brown was the daughter of the late William Julian Hopper, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, utterly dedicated to education and excellence, Mrs. Brown graduated class valedictorian from Campbell High School in Rockwood, Tennessee, and furthered her education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-two years as a Business Education teacher with the Oak Ridge school system, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown ardently served as department coordinator of the Business and Information Technology Department at Oak Ridge High School from 1978 until her retirement in 2001. After her exemplary career as an educator, she was employed with Scientific and Technical Resources in Oak Ridge from 2002 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Hopper Brown was an active and devout member of Little Leaf Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a Sunday School teacher and as the Sunday School secretary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown helped to write the church history of Little Leaf Baptist Church in 1990 on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, memorializing the very same building that her father had helped build; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Hopper Brown expressed her astute character of leadership as president of Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority for women educators; as a charter member of the Edgar Fritz Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee; and as a member of Delta Pi Epsilon, an honorary Business Education fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Hopper Brown enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband Emmitt Brown, and was the proud mother of Carl Blake Brown, Carla Doke, the wife of Michael Doke, and Molly Elizabeth Brown; this remarkable woman is also survived by her mother, Nannie Lamar Smith Hopper; her grandchildren, Aaron Thompson, Abigail Doke, and Amanda Doke; her sisters, Julia Daniel, the wife of Julian Daniel, Lou Evans, the wife of Steve Evans, and Jean Hopper King; her brothers Julian Hopper, the husband of Sherri Hopper, Eunice Brown, the husband of Eva Graves, and Jean Brown; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Earl and Cecila Brown; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Hopper Brown leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Abigail Hopper Brown, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Brown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.